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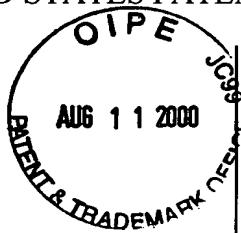
In re application of:

Derek C. Penn

Appl. No. 09/547,793

Filed: April 12, 2000

For: **A System, Method, and Computer  
Program Product for Configuring  
Stochastic Simulation Models in  
an Object Oriented Environment**



Art Unit: 2763

Examiner: (to be assigned)

Atty. Docket: 1881.0120001

**Preliminary Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the captioned application, please enter the following Preliminary Amendment.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

***Amendments***

***In the Specification:***

On page 1, line 7, replace "60/198,745" with --60/148,745--.

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